

CLASSIFICATION

SECRET
SECURITY INFORMATION

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT NO.

CD NO.

COUNTRY East Germany

DATE DISTR. 27 February 1953

SUBJECT VEB Ernst Thaelmann Volkswerft, Brandenburg

NO OF PAGES

PLACE
ACQUIRED

25X1

NO. OF ENCLS.

DATE OF
INFO.SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT OF 1917, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

25X1

SOURCE

1. In an effort to double the 1951 output of the Thaelmannwerft in Brandenburg and to be more punctual in the execution of reparation orders, 1,047,000 eastmarks were allotted to the yard for an expansion program and for modernization of its machinery. ¹

2. The following is a tabulation of production quotas during the period from 1950 to 1955:

Year	Quota	Worth (Eastmarks)	Actual Output
1950	20 vessels	13,600,000.-	20 vessels
1951	30 "	20,400,000.-	30 "
1952	44 "	29,920,000.-	40 "
1953	46 "	31,280,000.-	until late October
1954	48 "	32,640,000.-	-
1955	50 "	43,000,000.-	-

3. The Thaelmann Shipyard consumed 1,920 tons of steel in 1950, 2,880 tons in 1951, and 3,840 tons in 1952. The consumption quota is 4,140 tons for 1953, 4,320 tons for 1954, and 4,500 tons for 1955.

4. The shipyard personnel was scheduled to be increased to 5,000 employees prior to 1955. ² The present employees were in a bad mood as they believed that the working conditions were better at the Steel Works and Rolling Mill in Brandenburg. They also disliked the frequent evidences of Soviet control in the shipyard. Sixty-five percent of the production was sent to the U.S.S.R. and 35 percent remained in East Germany. Herbst (fnu) was general manager and managing engineer of the yard; Wundtke (fnu) was commercial manager. ³

5. The current power consumption amounted to 2,140,000 kw prior to October 1952. The usable workshop area covered 11,920,360 square meters prior to late October 1952.

25X1

SECRET

25X1

-2-

25X1

1. [] Comment. The Thaelmannwerft in Brandenburg has been subordinate to the Vereinigung Volkseigener Werften (Union of Nationalized Shipyards) since 1 July 1948 when this union was established. The Thaelmann Shipyard mainly built seirers almost exclusively as reparations for the U.S.S.R.

25X1

2. [] Corrent. In 1952, the labor force of the yard averaged 2,200 employees.

25X1

3. [] Comment. []

25X1

25X1

SECRET